GT's statistics are verifiable

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I would like to thank and commend the Gazette Telegraph for printing the sources of the facts used in the editor's note answering Patrick Burton's letter dated Nov. 30.

It has been my experience that when dealing with issues related to homosexuality the press is often times reluctant to print facts that have the effect of dismantling the homosexual agenda. The facts you quoted are verifiable and true, and I would like to encourage your readers to take them into account as the Colorado for Family Values initiative drive moves forward.

It is facts like these, and others (such as the fact that homosexuals do not meet any of the three criteria currently used by the U.S. Supreme Court for defining legitimate minority groups), that are the reason why CFV wants to give the people of Colorado the opportunity to prevent homosexuals from getting special rights as they have in other states like Hawaii, Michigan, Wisconsin and others, where the results have been devastating. Colorado would be no exception.

Homosexuals are unable to show a history of discrimination that has resulted in their inability to obtain economic mean income, adequate education or equal cultural opportunities. As a matter of fact, homosexual households have an average income of $55,430 versus the national average of $32,144 (Wall Street Journal, July 18, 1991).

Other facts: 59.6 percent of homosexuals are college graduates as compared to 18 percent nationally. They are considerably more advantaged in the work place due to the fact that 49 percent of them hold professional or managerial positions as opposed to 15.9 percent of the rest of the nation. Homosexuals are three times more apt to be in a position of making hiring and firing decision than the very people they claim to be at the mercy of.

These facts touch only the first Supreme Court criteria — The other two are as equally embarrassing for their position as a "downtrodden" group. The truth is, the homosexual subculture is wealthy and very powerful, and not to be taken lightly.

The homosexual's claim to minority status is not based in fact, but rather in an appeal to pity. If the homosexuals are not after special rights, then they should have no quarrel with the CFV initiative. However, the fact is the homosexuals are desiring special minority status and they know it. Please continue to print the facts.

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